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TAGS: PORG, OCON, UNESCO

SUBJECT: ISRAELI REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

REF: STATE 233519

1. EMBOFF MET WITH ACTING DIRECTOR, UN AFFAIRS, IN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA) SEPTEMBER 28. BACKGROUND ON NEGATIVE DECISION BY UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 1974 AND EXECUTIVE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION LAST FALL THAT DECISIVE ROLE BE GIVEN TO REGIONAL MEMBERS WAS REVIEWED. EMBOFF THEN POINTED OUT DECISIVE IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE TO U.S. RELATIONS WITH UNESCO AND URTED THAT SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT (GSL) SUPPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF REGION REGARDING THE ISARELI REQUEST.

2. MDFA OFFICIAL WAS UNINFORMED ON SPECIFICS OF ISSUE BUT WAS WELL AWARE DIFFICULTY IT HAD CREATED FOR U.S. ROLE IN UNESCO. HE TOOK CAREFUL NOTES DURING PRESENTATION AND PROMISED THAT GSL WOULD CONSIDER U.S. VIEWS VERY CAREFULLY.

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3. COMMENT: AS SRI LANKA EITHER ABSTAINED OR WAS  
ABSENT DURING 1974 DECISION, WE JUDGE IT IS LIKELY  
TO DO THE SAME OR BETTER THIS YEAR. GSL HAS FOR SOME  
TIME NOW OPPOSED EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE OR EXPEL ESREAL  
FROM U.N. IT SEEMS PLAUSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT GSL  
MIGHT SUPPORT EFFORTS TO INCLUDE ISRAEL IN EUROPEAN  
REGION AT GENERAL CONFERENCE. THIS WILL PROBABLY  
DEPEND, HOWEVER, ON DEGREE OF ARAB OPPOSITION TO  
ISRAELI REQUEST AND SITUATION ON THE GROUND AT THE  
CONFERENCE.  
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